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Hendricks County Community Foundation

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Hendricks County Community Foundation Announces Results of the 2022 Community Needs Assessment

The Hendricks County Community Foundation (HCCF) is pleased to announce the results of the 2022 Needs Assessment Survey, an abbreviated version of the 2019 Survey designed to update the data resourced by people across the community. The survey reached 3,600 individuals that live, work, and play in Hendricks County, which provided data that is 99% accurate (with a 2% margin of error). Read more about the process and find the survey results on HCCF's website at hendrickscountycf.org/for-our-community.

In 2019, the Community Foundation completed a first-of-its-kind Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment thanks to a grant from Lilly Endowment. The goals of the assessment were to help identify and prioritize needs in Hendricks County, unite institutions and resources from throughout our community, and create solutions that produce significant, widely-shared and lasting results.

Following the conclusion of the Needs Assessment and multiple community leader gatherings, HCCF targeted community unity as the greatest need in the county. In October 2020, HCCF was awarded a \$200,000 Community Leadership Grant from Lilly Endowment to use to implement plans for a more united Hendricks County. With this grant, HCCF is working on addressing three critical issues: increased civic engagement, more collaboration and increased efficiency of services in Hendricks County, and a stronger sense of community pride.

The results of the 2022 Needs Assessment will be used to further inform HCCF's work in these areas as well as other emergent needs of the community.

"We are proud to provide this high-quality data on the opinions of our community," said Eric Hessel, Vice President of Programs at HCCF. "We hope community and nonprofit leaders use this information to meet needs and make thoughtful decisions on the future of Hendricks County."



The Mission of the Hendricks County Community Foundation: To be a trusted community partner in understanding needs, aligning resources, and empowering people to address today's priorities and create lasting impact. Our vision is Hendricks County as a place where everyone has the opportunity to have a fulfilling life and the tools they need to build a stronger future together. The Community Foundation manages assets of over \$18 million in a collection of funds created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2022, the Community Foundation gave over \$1.6M in grants to charitable organizations and scholarships to local students. For more information, call 317-268-6240 or visit www.hendrickscountycf.org.

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